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SUBJ: FOURTH REPORT OF THE US DELEGATION TO THE ICAO ASSEMBLY,
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1. AS PROPOSED BY GHANA, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNCIL IN WP/50 ON SYSTEMS PLANNING OF THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW AIRCRAFT TYPES. ONLY INDONESIA AND THE USSR HAD COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL, BOTH BEING SATISFIED BY FURTHER EXPLANATION GIVEN BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARIAT. THE COMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED THE DRAFT RESOLUTION IN WP/32 REGARDING INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION AND THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT. THERE WAS VERY LITTLE DISCUSSION UNDER THIS AGENDA ITEM; THE AIRPORT ASSOCIATIONS COORDINATING COUNCIL SIMPLY PRESENTED ITS POLICY PAPER ON AIRCRAFT NOISE AND TUNISIA AND HUNGARY EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE WORK BEING DONE BY THE ICAO COUNCIL AND THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT. NEW ZEALAND SUPPORTED AND THE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE DRAFT RESOLUTION IN WP/39 AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL, AFTER CONSIDERING THE STATUTORY AND OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, TO ENTER INTO SUCH AGREEMENTS OR ARRANGEMENTS AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE IN THE INTEREST OF ICAO.

2. TECHNICAL COMMISSION CONTINUED ITS REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEM 22

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(REVISED AIR NAVIGATION POLICIES AND PRACTICES). IT APPROVED

ADDITION OF AN ASSOCIATED PRACTICE TO APPENDIX F CALLING FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF UNIFICATION OF UNITS OF MEASUREMENT ON THE BASES OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF UNITS (SI). GENERAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON COORDINATION OF POLICIES AS THEY CONCERN THE COORDINATION OF AERONAUTICAL SYSTEMS AND SUB-SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT. CONSIDERATION OF REMAINING POLICIES AND PRACTICES WAS DEFERRED TO THE NEXT MEETING. IN REVIEWING THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE ICAO WORK PROGRAM FOR 1975-1977 (DOC 9094), COMMISSION GENERALLY AGREED TO US PROPOSAL TO ADD TO ICAO POLICY (APPENDIX C ON PANELS) STATEMENT CALLING FOR PERIODIC REVIEW OF PANELS AND THAT A PANEL SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE IN EXISTENCE FOR MORE THAN FOUR YEARS ONLY IF ITS CONTINUATION IS JUSTIFIED BY THE AIR NAVIGATION COMMISSION. WORDING BEING PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT. COMMISSION WILL CONTINUE DISCUSSION TODAY ON WORK PROGRAM AND ITEM 22.

3. ECONOMIC COMMISSION CONTINUED ITS DISCUSSION OF ITEM 24.3, TENTATIVE INVENTORY OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT IN THE AIR TRANSPORT FIELD. SEVERAL STATES SPOKE ABOUT THEIR NEED TO RECOUP AIR NAVIGATION FACILITY COSTS THROUGH USER CHARGES AND THE US MADE A STATEMENT REGARDING ITS REGULATION OF CHARTER FARES. IATA URGED FULL SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION A18-18 ON TARIFF ENFORCEMENT AND VENEZUELA, SUPPORTED BY THE US, SUGGESTED THAT A WORKING GROUP BE ESTABLISHED TO DRAFT A NEW RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT. THE WORKING GROUP CONSISTS OF VENEZUELA, INDONESIA, US, SPAIN, COLOMBIA, NICARAGUA, UGANDA, ISRAEL AND ECUADOR. IT WAS AGREED THAT A SIMILAR INVENTORY SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR THE NEXT ORDINARY ASSEMBLY. AS SUGGESTED BY THE SECRETARIAT, ANOTHER WORKING GROUP WAS ESTABLISHED TO DEAL WITH THE BRAZILIAN-MOROCCAN PROPOSAL FOR AN AIR TRANSPORT CONFERENCE. IN ADDITION TO INDONESIA, EGYPT, VENEZUELA, SENEGAL, AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, MOROCCO, SWEDEN, POLAND AND GHANA, THE US AND KENYA REQUESTED THAT THEY ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE GROUP. AUSTRALIA SAID THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC AREAS MAY NEED AIR TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE AND NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN REGIONAL BODIES, ICAO WAS FAILING TO HARMONIZE THEIR VIEWS. AUSTRALIA SUGGESTED THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY COULD BE CONVENED WHICH IN EFFECT WOULD BE AN AIR TRANSPORT CONFERENCE.

4. WHEN THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION CONSIDERED ITEM 27 ON FACILI-
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TATION, THE US MADE A STATEMENT ON FACILITATION OF NON-SCHEDULED FLIGHTS IN VIEW OF A PAPER PRESENTED BY AUSTRIA ON THIS SUBJECT. IN AUSTRIA'S ABSENCE, SWEDEN SUPPORTED BY FINLAND AND NORWAY, PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL REVIEW THE PROVISIONS OF ANNEX 9 ON SCHEDULED AIR SERVICES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE ADVICE OF ECONOMIC EXPERTS. FRANCE, SUPPORTED BY THE FRG, UK AND DENMARK, PRESENTED ITS PROPOSAL IN WP/65 THAT THE COUNCIL RECONSIDER ITS NEW RECOMMENDED PRACTICE ON GROUND HANDLING SERVICES TO ACHIEVE

A BETTER BALANCE BETWEEN THE INTERESTS OF THE AIRLINES AND THE AIRPORTS. US SUPPORTED THIS ACTION IN INTEREST OF COOPERATION IN SEEKING TO REACH A MEANINGFUL TEXT BUT POINTED OUT THAT GROUND HANDLING OPERATIONS WERE INCREASINGLY BECOMING MEANS FOR GARNERING ADDITIONAL REVENUE; ARE VERY MUCH A PART OF THE TOTAL COMPETITIVE IMPACT OF THE AIRLINES IMAGE AND SERVICE; AND THAT THE IMPOSITION OF STANDARDS OF SERVICE VIOLATES THE UNDENIABLE RIGHT OF THE AIRLINES TO CHOOSE THE BEST POSSIBLE SOLUTION FOR CARRYING OUT GROUND HANDLING OPERATIONS FOR WHICH THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE. FOREGOING PROPOSALS APPROVED. COMMISSION ALSO ACCEPTED FRENCH PROPOSAL THAT COUNCIL PURSUE STUDY OF A STANDARD TRAFFIC FORM.

5. LEGAL COMMISSION ELECTED WITHOUT CONTEST 1ST VICE CHAIRMAN (URUGUAY) AND 2ND VICE CHAIRMAN (TANZANIA). REMAINDER OF MEETING DEVOTED TO INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF WORK PROGRAM IN LEGAL FIELD. THIS ITEM TO BE FINISHED AT MEETING OCTOBER 1 ALONG WITH SUDAN/FRENCH REVISION OF AMENDMENT TO RULE 54 WHICH WAS NOT READY FOR DISTRIBUTION FOR COMMISSION DISCUSSION.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION'S BUDGET WORKING GROUP CONSIDERED THE SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS (DOC A/21-WP/4 AD/1 REVISED). AFTER SPIRITED QUESTIONING OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL, THE WORKING GROUP DECIDED TO RECOMMEND TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR 1974 OF DOLS 1,193,000. NO ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT OF CONTRACTING STATES IS REQUIRED TO FINANCE THE SUPPLEMENTAL. THE COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION THAT ITS AUTHORITY TO APPROVE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS DURING THE REMAINDER OF 1974 BE INCREASED BY DOLS 100,000 WAS REDUCED TO DOLS 50,000.
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